

SENATE BILL 179

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Economic Matters —

Introduced by **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Klausmeier, Astle, Garagiola, and Rosapepe**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – ~~Demand-Response~~ Pilot Program for Charging Electric**
3 **Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to establish by a certain
5 date a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for charging electric vehicles; authorizing
6 an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the
7 pilot program to include certain incentives for certain purposes; requiring a
8 certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date;
9 providing that this Act does not limit the authority of the Commission to receive,
10 consider, and approve certain pilot programs in advance of a certain date;
11 requiring the Commission to consider and act upon certain proposals in a certain
12 manner; and generally relating to a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for
13 charging electric vehicles.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – Public Utilities
 3 Section 7–211(m)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2010 Replacement Volume)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Public Utilities**

9 7–211.

10 **(M) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2013, BY REGULATION OR ORDER,**
 11 **THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A ~~DEMAND-RESPONSE~~ PILOT PROGRAM**
 12 **FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES DURING**
 13 **OFF-PEAK HOURS.**

14 **(2) (I) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE**
 15 **IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

16 **(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO**
 17 **INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

18 **(3) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE INCENTIVES FOR**
 19 **RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE**
 20 **ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN A MANNER THAT WILL:**

21 **(I) INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF THE**
 22 **ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND**

23 **(II) LOWER ELECTRICITY USE AT TIMES OF HIGH DEMAND.**

24 **(4) INCENTIVES MAY INCLUDE:**

25 **(I) TIME-OF-DAY PRICING OF ELECTRICITY;**

26 **(II) CREDITS ON DISTRIBUTION CHARGES;**

27 **(III) REBATES ON THE COST OF CHARGING SYSTEMS; ~~OR~~**

28 **(IV) DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS; OR**

29 **(V) OTHER INCENTIVES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.**

1 **(5) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
 2 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**
 3 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**
 4 **EXPERIENCE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE COMMISSION’S FINDINGS.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

6 (1) Section 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1
 7 of this Act, does not limit the authority of the Public Service Commission to receive,
 8 consider, and approve proposals for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge
 9 electric vehicles during off-peak hours in advance of the date by which the Public
 10 Service Commission is required to act in accordance with § 7-211 of the Public Utilities
 11 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

12 (2) the Public Service Commission shall promptly consider and act
 13 upon each proposal for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge electric
 14 vehicles during off-peak hours that is submitted under § 7-211 of the Public Utilities
 15 Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

16 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
 17 effect July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.